

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) A method of retrieval of stored images stored with metadata for at least some of the stored images, the metadata comprising at least one entry specifying
 - (a) a part of the respective image;
 - (b) another stored image; and
 - (c) a measure of the degree of similarity between the specified part and the specified other stored image; the method comprising
 - i. displaying one or more images;
 - ii. receiving input from a user indicative of part of the displayed images;
 - iii. determining measures of interest for each of a plurality of non-displayed stored images specified by the metadata for the displayed image (s), as a function of the similarity measure (s) and the relationship between the user input and the part specified;
 - iv. selecting from those non-displayed stored images, on the basis of the determined measures, further images for display.
2. (original) A method according to Claim 1 in which the receiving of input from a user is performed by means operable to observe movement of the user's eye.
3. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ in which the user input identifies image locations and associated attention durations, and each measure of interest is the sum of individual measures for each identified location that is within a predetermined distance of a specified part, each said individual measure being a function of the attention duration that is associated with the identified location and the similarity measure that is associated with the specified part.

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4. (original) A method according to claim 3 in which each individual measure is the product of the duration and the similarity measure.

5. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the specified parts of the images are points within the images.

6. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 in which the specified parts of the images are regions thereof.

7. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which steps (ii) to (iv) are repeated at least once.

8. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 further including the initial steps of:

receiving one or more external images;

generating said metadata in respect of the external image(s); and

displaying the external image(s).